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Mr. Jesse Garcia  
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Dear Mr. Garcia:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Department of Energy's (DOE) January 2010 Draft Environmental Assessment for Pyrotek, Inc. Electric Drive Vehicle Battery and Component Manufacturing Initiative Project located in Sanborn, New York. The DOE's National Energy Technology Laboratory proposes to fund the construction of an industrial building, associated equipment, and utilities to expand production of the graphitization process used in the manufacture of lithium ion battery anode materials. The proposed project would be owned and operated by Pyrotek, Incorporated.

EPA agrees with DOE's finding that this project will have no significant effect on the environment. However, we do recommend that:

- All reasonable efforts are made to reduce construction equipment emissions, such as installation of particulate filters and minimization of idling times. EPA's Clean Diesel website address is <http://www.epa.gov/diesel/>.
- All landscaping and replacement vegetation be native to the area, and that all grass seed mixes should not contain invasive plant species.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Lingard Knutson of my staff at (212) 637-3747.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Grace Musumeci", is positioned above the typed name.

Grace Musumeci, Chief  
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